(c) the corrective measures taken in this regard and the guidelines issued for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Advancing money to private producers for production of television programmes for Doordarshan is an ongoing process. According to Doordarshan, inordinate delay has occurred only in three cases in the last three years and the amount involved is Rs. 10,80,000.00. Doordarshan has already initiated necessary action to rectify the situation in terms of the agreement signed with the outside producers.

News item captioned "Rickshaw Union's charge against Police"

4052. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rickshaw Union's charge against police" appearing in the Hindu dated September 27, 1991;

(b) whether Government have ascertained the facts about the points raised therein; and

(c) if so, the action taken to redress the grievances of the rickshaw pullers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Coverage of News of various Political Parties

4053. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various political parties are given due coverage in the news in National Programme on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the time given to each political party in news during the last six months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Details of time given to political parties, party-wise, in the news coverage of Hind and English bulletings on the National Network during June to November, 1992

	Name of the party	*Time*
1.	Congress (I)	137 MTS. 40 seconds
2.	B.J.P.	85 mts. 37 seconds
3.	Janata Dal	93 mts. 46 seconds

	Name of the party	*Time*
4.	C.P.I. (M)	39 mts. 50 seconds
5.	C.P.I.	17 mtrs. 57 seconds
6.	S.J.P.	24 mts. 25 seconds
7.	National Front Left Front	41 mts. 05 seconds
8.	Akali Dal	02 mts. 55 seconds
9.	AIADMK	11 mts. 00 seconds
10.	DMK	06 mts. 15 seconds

Increase in Property Tax of Self-Occupied Houses

4054. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has served notices on house owners of even self-occupied houses under Sec. 126 of the D.M.C. Act, 1957 asking them to file objection to the proposed increase in the property tax by 20 per cent with effect from 1988-89 onwards;

(b) if so, the retionale behind such notices and increasing the property tax with retrospective effect by 20 per cent; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide relief to the owners of small self-occupied houses from this upward rise of property and other taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Consequent to amendment in Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 from 1.12.88 raising the percentage for calculation of standard rent from 8.25% to 10% of the value of the land and cost of construction, revisions in the rateable values of properties subject to rent control legislation has been proposed. Rateable value in the notices is for the year 1988-89. Tax shall be from 1.12.88. In the year 1991-92 the rate of tax on residential properties has been reduced as under:

RATEABLE VALUE	*TAX IN 88-89 TO 90-91*	*TAX IN 91-92*
upto 10,000	14%	12%
10,000 to 20,000	24%	20%
Above 20,000	34%	27%